



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
NORTH DAKOTA BANK DAY
JUNE 14, 2004

WHEREAS, North Dakota's financial industry is important to the overall economic growth and vitality of the state; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's banks are the leading lenders of agriculture, commercial and consumer funds to our state's citizens; and

WHEREAS, each year, banks and bankers in North Dakota contribute almost 200,000 hours and millions of dollars to the communities in which they live and serve; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota Bankers Association was founded in 1884 when North Dakota was part of the Dakota Territory. A few years later, the North Dakota Bankers Association (NDBA) was established to serve and represent the entire broad spectrum of banks throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, NDBA is celebrating 120 years of presenting a positive image for financial institutions, providing educational opportunities for banking professionals and offering needed products and services to its members; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim June 14, 2004, **BANK DAY** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:

/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State